

# **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC</b>
<b>BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN XCEL</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>SERVICE TERRITORY</b>
<b>ENERGY AND SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>AGREEMENT</b>
<b>COOPERATIVE, INC.</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>EL01-021</b>

On September 20, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) for approval of an electric service territory boundary change. According to the application, the change is being requested to allow each utility to provide electric service to the proposed Sunset Ridge Addition southwest of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in a more efficient manner based on the layout of the streets and lots. The Sunset Ridge Addition is located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 100 North, Range 50 West, Lincoln County, South Dakota. The owner/developer consented to the proposed change in territory boundaries. There are no existing customers affected and no facilities will be sold. The electric service boundary change is as follows:

Starting at the center of 57th Street and a point that would coincide with the Northeast Corner of Lot 1 in Lincoln Highlands and the Northwest Corner of Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Sunset Ridge Addition or the North Quarter Corner of Section 7, Township 100 North, Range 50 West.

Then South along the back lot lines of Lot 1 in Lincoln Highlands Addition and Lot 1, Block 1 of the Sunset Ridge Addition to the center of 61st Street that would coincide with the Southeast Corner of Lot 11, Block 4 in the Lincoln Highlands Addition and the Southwest Corner of Lot 12, Block 4, in the Sunset Ridge Addition or the Northeast Corner of Lot 1, Block 7 in the Lincoln Highlands Addition and the Northwest Corner of Lot 1, Block 7 of the Sunset Ridge Addition.

Then East along the center line of 61st Street to the center that would coincide with the Southeast Corner of Lot 12 or the Southwest Corner of Lot 13, Block 5 of the Sunset Ridge Addition or the Northeast Corner, Lot 1 or Northwest Corner Lot 24 in Block 8 of the Sunset Ridge Addition.

Then South along the back lot line of Lot 1 or the back lot line of Lot 24, Block 8 to the Southeast Corner of Lot 11 or the Northeast Corner of Lot 12 or Southwest Corner Lot 14 or Northwest Corner of Lot 13 in Block 8 of the Sunset Ridge Addition.

Then East along the South boundary line of Lot 14 or the North boundary line of Lot 13 to the Southeast Corner of Lot 14 or the Northeast Corner of Lot 13, Block 8 in the Sunset Ridge Addition.

Go North and East to the Northwest Corner of Lot 12 or the Southwest Corner of Lot 1, Block 11 in the Sunset Ridge Addition.

Then East along the North boundary line of Lot 12, 11, 10, 9 and 8, or the South boundary lot lines of Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Block 11 of the Sunset Ridge Addition to the center of Marion Road that would coincide with the Southeast Corner of Lot 7 or the Northeast Corner of Lot 8 in Block 11 of the Sunset Ridge Addition.

Then South along the center line of Marion Road to the equidistant line as ordered by the SDPUC on the 9th day of November 2000, pursuant to SDCL 1-26-32.

On October 23, 2001, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the change in the service territory boundary will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Xcel and SEC. The Commission therefore concludes that the change in the service territory boundary is in the public interest and it shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an electric service territory boundary change between Xcel and SEC is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of October, 2001.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner